The Family Council

(Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a [illegible] three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two [illegible]. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been [illegible] by counseling agencies and counselors.)

John G.—We ought to elope.
Lorraine F. — We ought to wait.

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John G. — Five years ago, when I was 16, I got involved in an affair with a girl in my home town. There was quite a scandal and my parents sent me to live with my aunt and uncle in a different community.

Since I have been here I have been working in my uncle's business and I haven't been in any sort of trouble. Recently I met and fell in love with a girl and wanted to marry her. Her family did not like me and made inquiries about me and discovered the whole story about what happened in my home town. They told their daughter she should not marry me, that I was no good, etc.

I love Lorraine very much and I know she loves me. She is old enough to know her own mind and to do as she pleases. I feel that we ought to elope, but she is against it.

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Lorraine F.—Johnny says that if I loved him I would prove it by marrying him without my parents' consent.

I do love him, but I also love my parents and I can't do anything that would hurt them so much. My girl friends say I am crazy to let my parents dominate me like that. I am 21 and old enough to do as I please. Maybe I'm just immature, but I don't have the nerve to go against their wishes.

I am not willing to give Johnny up entirely, although my parents want me to do this. They say that anyone who gets into that kind of trouble can never be any good, but I think it was just a youthful mistake. I want to continue going with Johnny until my parents get to know him better. I think they will come to see him as I do, but he says we either get married or break up. He can't stand it like this.

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The Council—Lorraine should rid herself of the idea that she is "immature." She is handling her problem in a most mature fashion and Johnny would show his maturity and readiness for marriage if he followed her lead.

It is understandable that Johnny is impatient for marriage and inclined to make little of his past mistake. But if he sincerely loves Lorraine, he would appreciate the point of view of her parents, who also love her, and he would be willing to make the attempt to bring them around to a new point of view.

If Johnny is not willing to even make this attempt and puts undue pressure on Lorraine to violate her conscience and her feelings toward her parents, Lorraine can take it as an indication that her parents are probably on the right track about Johnny. Certainly, he cannot be condemned forever for his one early mistake, but perhaps he does not yet have all the character and maturity she would want in a husband.

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Recommendations for Improvements In Crop Production Made by Council

Recommendations for improvements in pear and apple, stone fruit, small fruit and vegetable, forage and cereal and seed production in Jackson county were to be presented by committees today at an all-day session of the county planning council.

Foremost among recommendations for pear improvement was further substantial plantings. Committee members said they feel new plantings should be made to stabilize production since age of an estimated 50 per cent of the present orchards is 40 years.

It was recommended that new plantings be undertaken only by existing growers or by someone who has other forms of income. It was pointed out that commercial production in this area for bartletts is reached in 10 years, bosc and D'Anjous 15 years and Comice 20 years.

Care in Planning

Committee members said care should be taken in planning new plantings as to soil and water conditions. Better root stock and spacing should be considered.

The committee suggested replanting be done annually and all missing trees be replanted to the present varieties. In replanting on wet ground, quince root stock should be considered. Winter Nelis root stock is also regarded as promising.

Further expansion of local cannery facilities is also regarded as desirable. It was stated that present processing facilities are not being utilized at 100 per cent of capacity and that this situation is likely to become worse in view of future use of orchard lands for business, subdivisions and roads.

The Fruit Growers League maintains housing facilities for approximately 500 Mexican Nationals. In 1956, this proved inadequate and ranch housing had to be provided for about 75. The committee recommended that on the ranch, housing be provided for not only more Mexican Nationals, but for American transient workers.

Apple Plantings

Committee members noted some interest has been shown in small apple plantings. This has been confined largely to the dwarf and semi-dwarf types. However, lack of stable markets would seem to make any large plantings inadvisable at this time, their report indicated.

Members of the stone fruit committee recommended that a market reporting service be established, with local growers assuming the expense for such a service. A modest increase of peach acreage may be desirable, it was pointed out, with all plantings to be on well-drained soil and out of frost danger.

It was also recommended that small plantings of peaches, such as one or two acres, should be planted to early varieties of peaches for early market consumption. An increase in planting of apricots was listed as desirable on well-drained land in an area out of frost danger.

The committee advised against planting of sweet cherries until virus free cherry trees are available, but urged experiment stations to continue efforts to develop virus free sweet cherries. It was also stated that production of sour cherries in this area is not profitable in competition with heavy production in other sections of the nation.

Efficient Management

Forage and cereal committees recommended more efficient management to improve production. Included in their recommendations were use of fertilizer as indicated by soil test and conditions of plants and plant growth; irrigation only when plants need water and use of sufficient water to fill the soil reservoir; rotation of pastures so all fields can grow undisturbed for 21 days; following other good pasture practices such as weed control, clipping when necessary and harrowing to spread droppings; and stirring to maintain a balance of recommended grass and legumes in pasture forage.

As a guide, the committee noted the following cereal and forage crop varieties have been best at the experiment station and in some other areas of the county:

For wheat, Red 38, Elmar and Lemhi 52; for barley, Bonneville, Atlas and Velvon (better on lighter, more droughty soils), and Union Beardless for hay; for oats, Fall Seeded, Crater and Grey Winter (both are good hay oats), Spring Seeded, Carleton and Kanota (on lighter soils); for rye, Abruzzi and Balboa; for alfalfa, Lahontan and Talent, and for corn for grain Idahybrid 544.

'Poorly Adapted'

The committee also stated, "It has been established that the site now being used for research by the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station for agronomic research is poorly adapted for that purpose." It was noted that soils on the present agronomy farm contain a high concentration of lead arsenate, an accumulation of spray residue from an old apple orchard located on that site for many years. Lead arsenate in the concentrations found in these soils is highly toxic to many crops and affects reliability of data obtained in experiments. The committee recommended a better adapted site or location for the agronomic work of the experiment station be provided.

The small fruit and vegetable committee recommended steps be taken to organize a local group of vegetable growers as a starting point for other grower activities. Formation of an experimentat station committee of vegetable growers was also urged to work with the local experiment station on vegetable varieties and growing problems.

The committee suggested that vegetable growers further develop the high school age group for horticultural labor and make more use of the local labor office.

Local Group

Committee members said no Mexican Nationals are needed at the present time, but a local organizational group should be set up, which could assume responsibility of importing Mexican Nationals for vegetable labor in the future if necessary. Development of better housing facilities on the farm for transient labor was also suggested.

The committee recommended that vegetable growers take steps to develop a central marketing organization with investigation of problems in coordinating the marketing of vegetables, wiser planning of crop planting, improved packaging methods and containers, keeping grades and standards of vegetables up and advertising local produce.

Limited expansion of road side stands was recommended and it was suggested that no marketing agreement be set up for any vegetable commodity at the present time.

Fresh Tomatoes

The committee urged expansion of the local fresh tomato market, with more emphasis on uniformity in pack and grade. Need was also pointed out for a processing plant to help maintain family size unit vegetable farms in the area.

Committee [illegible] the [illegible] couraged increased acreage of corn until there is a better fresh market or a processing plant developed and also recommended hydro-cooling before shipping. A slight increase in acreage was recommended for cucumbers, but little room for expansion was noted for cantaloupe and melons, parsnips and other minor crops.

Other observations by the committee included the following:

Broccoli and cauliflower, generally unprofitable to grow in this area; cabbage, could be expanded if growers wisely control planting; and onions, limit present acreage expansion.

Berry Acreage

It was pointed out that berry acreage should be increased some, but large volumes of berries would not be desirable.

The farm crop seeds committee urged investigation of market outlets, price, production costs, market hazards and yield possibilities before engaging in the seed crops enterprise. The committee recommended that at this time only two varieties, Talent and Lahontan, be considered for new plantings of alfalfa for either seed or forage production.

Committee members made the following observations concerning clover varieties:

Ladino, little prospect for future expansion of this variety in Jackson county; Alsike, little future for a profitable seed production enterprise; Red clover, production of foundation seed is recommended rather than lower grades due to market premiums of price per pound; sub clover fairly good market demand at a fair price, highly recommended for dry land forage and erosion prevention cover crop; crimson clover, offers possibilities for expansion as a winter annual; lotus, Granger lotus offers some limited possibilities for the grower who has clean land and can cope with hazards of seed harvest, also drouth resistant.

Turf, Pasture Grass

The following observations were made concerning turf and pasture grass seed varieties:

Blue grass, markets fairly well supplied by current plantings; pennlawn fescue, currently in greater demand than other fescue varieties, bent grass, problems in establishing the seed producing fields in that the three parent varieties must be planted in consecutive rows for cross polinization, recommended only where ample irrigation water is available.

The committee said production of sugar beet seed is an acreage contract enterprise or quota contract. Acreage is therefore limited. It was noted that a decline has been evident in recent years in seed production and this area is in need of some type of crop to replace the cash income formerly obtained from seed corps.

It was recommended that the experiment station continue to explore possibilities of seed production of some grasses and legumes that are in demand elsewhere and that possibilities be investigated for new specialty type crops that may be adapted to this area.

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—City authorities clamped down today on rock 'n roll dancing "in defense of morality and good manners."

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Farmers' Livestock Prices in Decline

Washington — (U.P.) — Prices farmers received from livestock fell two per cent in the month ended Feb. 15, the Agriculture Department reported today.

The department's monthly price report also said the cost of production and living supplies purchased by farmers rose nearly one per cent during the month.

This advance in production cost established a new all-time high for the prices paid parity index. In mid-February the parity index was five per cent higher than a year ago.

Safeway's Earnings Set at $25,406,310

Oakland — (U.P.) — Safeway Stores, Inc., earned a record net income of $25,406,310 last year, nearly double that of 1955, a final audit showed today.

The big retail food company's 1955 net income after taxes was $13,621,803.

The 1956 earnings after taxes and deduction of $1,941,448 for preferred stock dividends amounted to $6.42 per share of common stock on 3,654,963 shares, the average number outstanding during the year.

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